

MARVEL LEGACY

LETHAL PROTECTOR PART 1

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COSTA  
BAGLEY  
DELL  
ALMARA

# VENOM



YEARS AGO, PETER PARKER (A.K.A. THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN) ACCIDENTALLY BONDED WITH AN ALIEN BEING CALLED A SYMBIOTE. WHEN PETER REALIZED THE COSTUME WAS ACTUALLY AN AGGRESSIVE LIVING ORGANISM, HE REJECTED IT. BUT DURING THEIR TIME TOGETHER, THE SYMBIOTE HAD ACCESS TO SPIDER-MAN'S GENETIC CODE AND NOW GRANTS WHOMEVER IT BONDS WITH SKILLS SIMILAR TO HIS: WALL-CRAWLING, THE POWER TO GENERATE BIOORGANIC WEBBING AND UNIQUE ABILITIES TO SHAPE-SHIFT AND BECOME INVISIBLE, TURNING THEM INTO...

# VENOM



EDDIE BROCK AND THE VENOM SYMBIOTE HAVE REUNITED, BUT THE SYMBIOTE IS NOT WELL. AFTER SPENDING SOME TIME BONDED WITH AN ABUSIVE HOST, IT BEGAN LASHING OUT AT INNOCENT PEOPLE IT MISTAKENLY PERCEIVED AS THREATS.

EDDIE STRUCK A DEAL WITH LIZ ALLAN, C.E.O. OF ALCHEMAX, TO HELP HIS AILING SYMBIOTE. IN EXCHANGE FOR BURYING THE COMPANY'S CONNECTION TO A COMMUNITY OF DINOSAURS LIVING IN THE SEWERS, ASTRO-BILOGIST DR. STEVE WOULD PROVIDE EDDIE WITH MEDICINE TO KEEP VENOM FROM LASHING OUT.

AFTER OVERTHROWING THE TYRANNICAL LEADER OF THE DINOSAUR COMMUNITY, EDDIE REALIZED THAT THE CREATURES WERE ACTUALLY PEACEFUL, AND COULD CONTINUE TO LIVE, UNDISTURBED, SO LONG AS THEY DID NOT THREATEN THE WORLD ABOVE.

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**NEW YORK CORRECTIONS  
SUPERMAX FACILITY FOR  
SUPERHUMAN  
INCARCERATION.**

I  
THINK THE  
ABSORBING  
MAN IS IN  
HERE.

**TWO HOURS OUTSIDE  
NEW YORK CITY.**

COME ON.  
I'M GONNA GO  
TOE-TO-TOE WITH THE  
ABSORBING MAN?  
THAT GUY FOUGHT  
THOR.

OKAY, SO  
WHAT ABOUT RYAN  
MARKINSON?

RYAN  
WHO?

RYAN  
MARKINSON.  
I THINK HE  
WAS ONE OF THE  
HOBGOBLINS  
FOR FIVE  
MINUTES.

IS  
THERE A  
GAS LEAK IN  
HERE? WHAT'S THE  
POINT IF IT'S SOME  
LOSER NOBODY'S  
EVER EVEN  
HEARD OF?

OKAY. SO  
HE'S GOTTA  
BE A SCARY GUY  
PEOPLE KNOW, BUT  
WITH NO POWERS  
HERE ON THE  
INSIDE.

I  
THINK  
I KNOW  
EXACTLY  
WHO WE  
WANT.

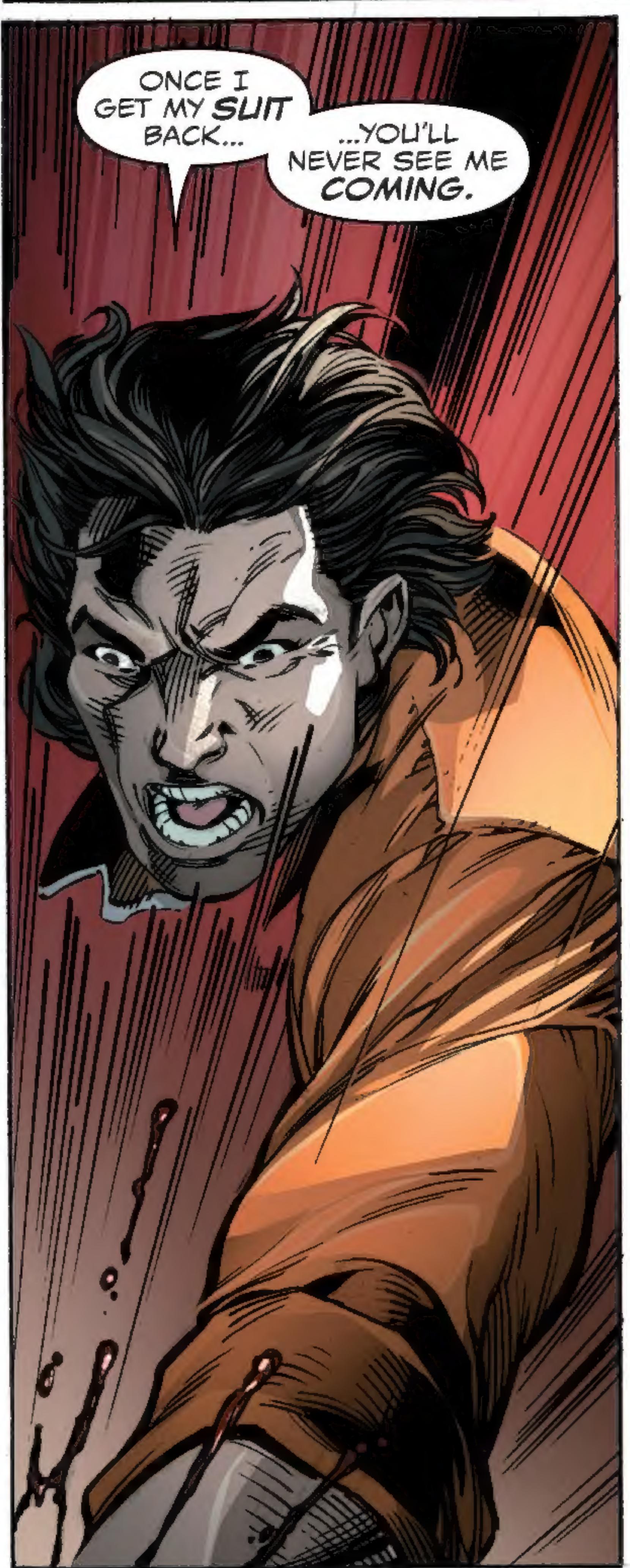
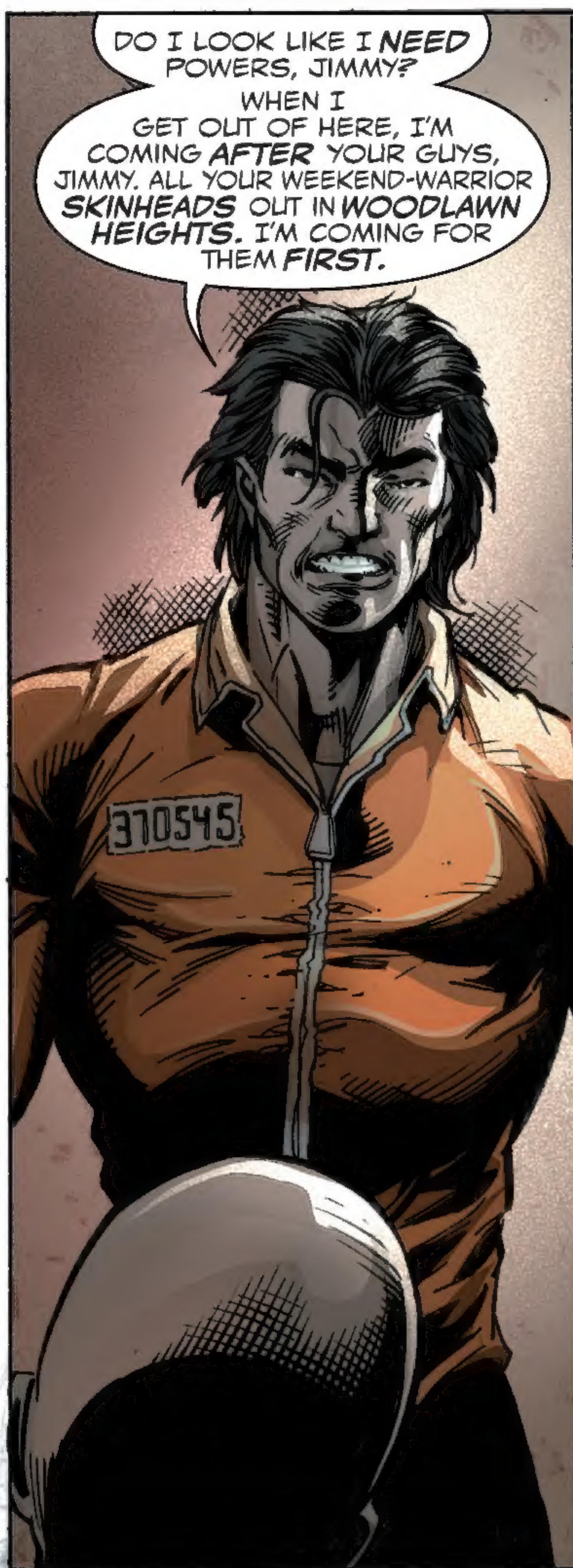
LEE  
PRICE.

YOU  
USED TO BE  
VENOM.









"AND NEITHER  
WILL ANYBODY  
ELSE."

THANKS  
FOR YOUR  
HELP WITH LI'L  
MARCO LAST  
WEEK.

YOU SHOULD  
MOVE THAT IDIOT  
OFF THE CORNER  
AND MAKE HIM A  
LOOKOUT OR  
SOMETHING.

NEXT TIME,  
IT MIGHT NOT  
BE ME TAKING  
THE CALL, AND  
THAT'S A LOT  
MORE PAPER-  
WORK.

I HANDLE  
MY BUSINESS.  
YOU DO WHAT  
I PAY YOU  
TO DO.

SPEAKING OF  
WHICH...MY NEXT-  
DOOR NEIGHBOR  
IS HAVING SOME KIND  
OF MIDLIFE CRISIS AND  
GOT A DRUM KIT IN HIS  
GARAGE. HE SPENDS ALL  
WEEKEND PRETENDING HE'S  
KEITH MOON. I NEED  
YOU TO COME BY THIS  
WEEKEND AND TELL  
HIM TO KEEP IT  
DOWN.

YOU'RE  
KIDDING,  
RIGHT?

YOU RUN A  
CREW OF ARMED  
THUGS AND YOU NEED ME  
TO FILE AN OFFICIAL NOISE  
COMPLAINT ON YOUR  
NEIGHBOR?

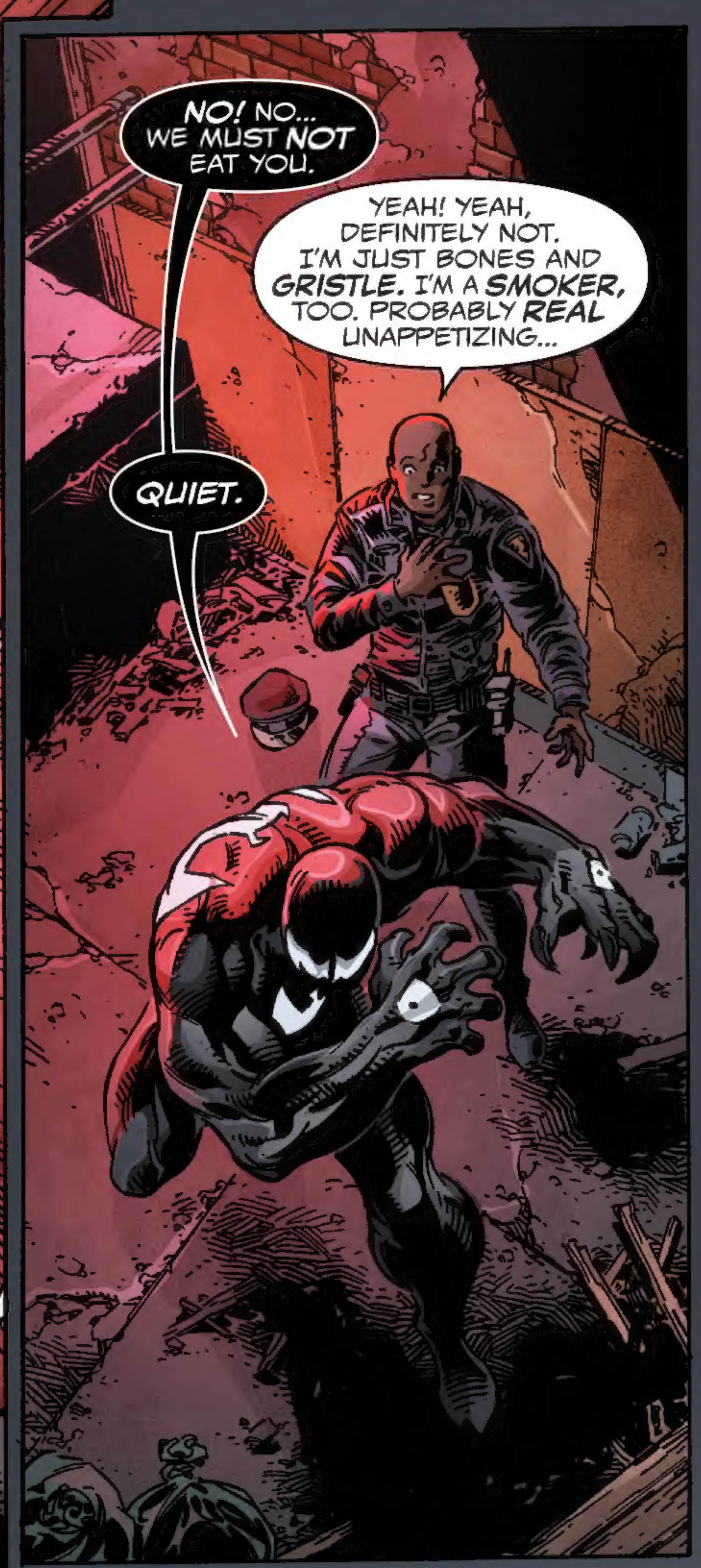
WHAT?  
YOU WANT  
ME TO GO OVER  
AND FLASH MY  
PIECE?

I LIVE IN  
QUEENS WITH  
MY KIDS. THE  
GLY'S A DENTIST.  
I PAY YOU 5K A  
MONTH  
AND--

HEY, YOU SEE...

YAAAAAA!





DON'T NEED  
THAT MEDICINE,  
EDDIE.

YOU  
NEARLY  
ATE A POLICE  
OFFICER  
TONIGHT.

IF WE  
KILL A COP--  
EVEN A DIRTY  
ONE--THEY'LL TEAR  
THIS CITY APART  
LOOKING FOR US.

THIS  
MEDICINE  
FROM LIZ ALLAN AT  
ALCHEMAX KEEPS  
YOU CALM, THAT'S  
ALL.

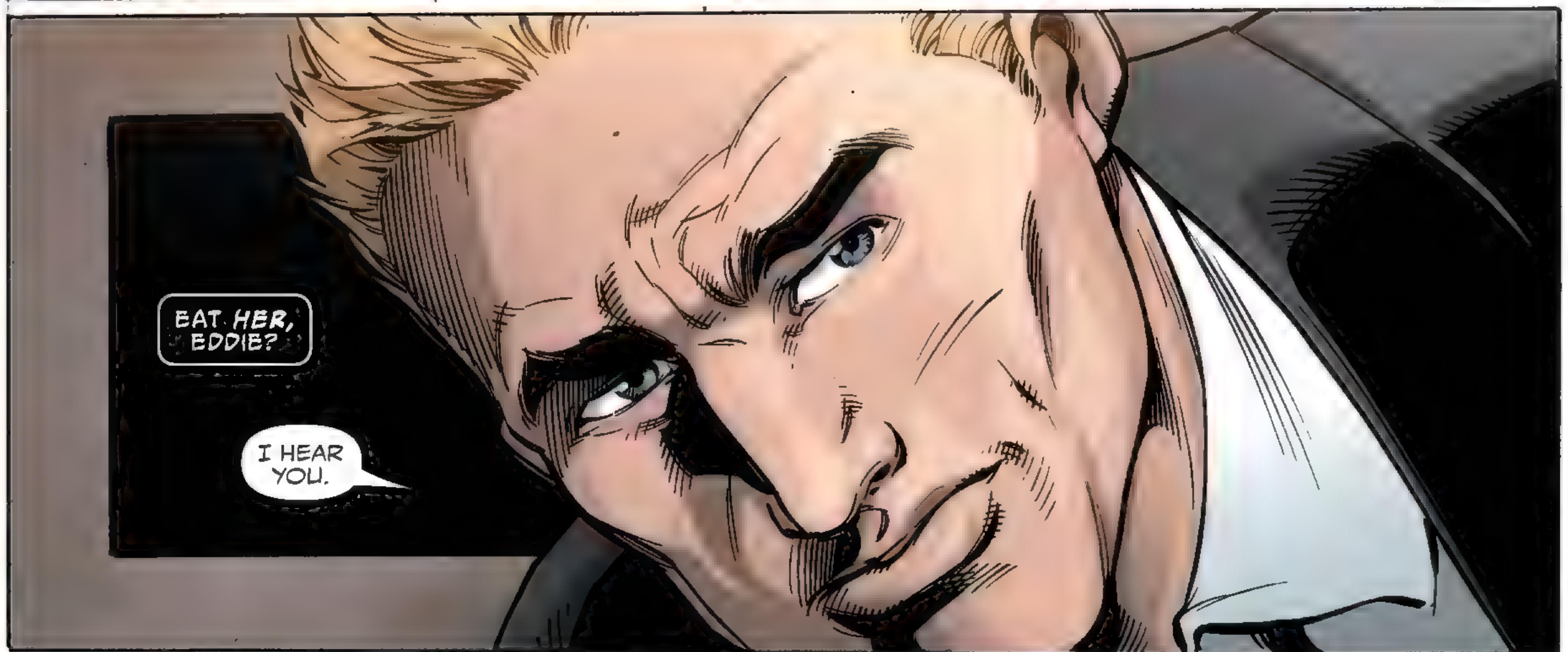
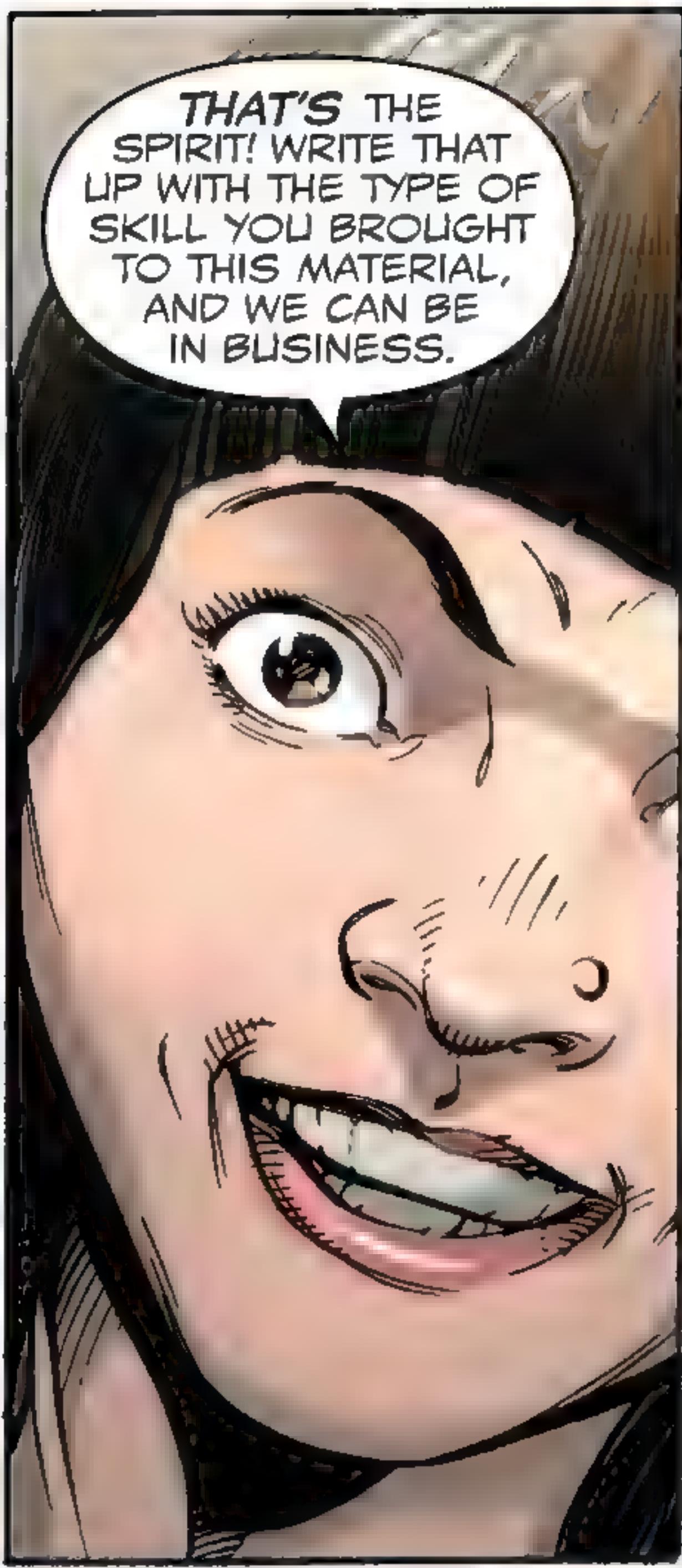
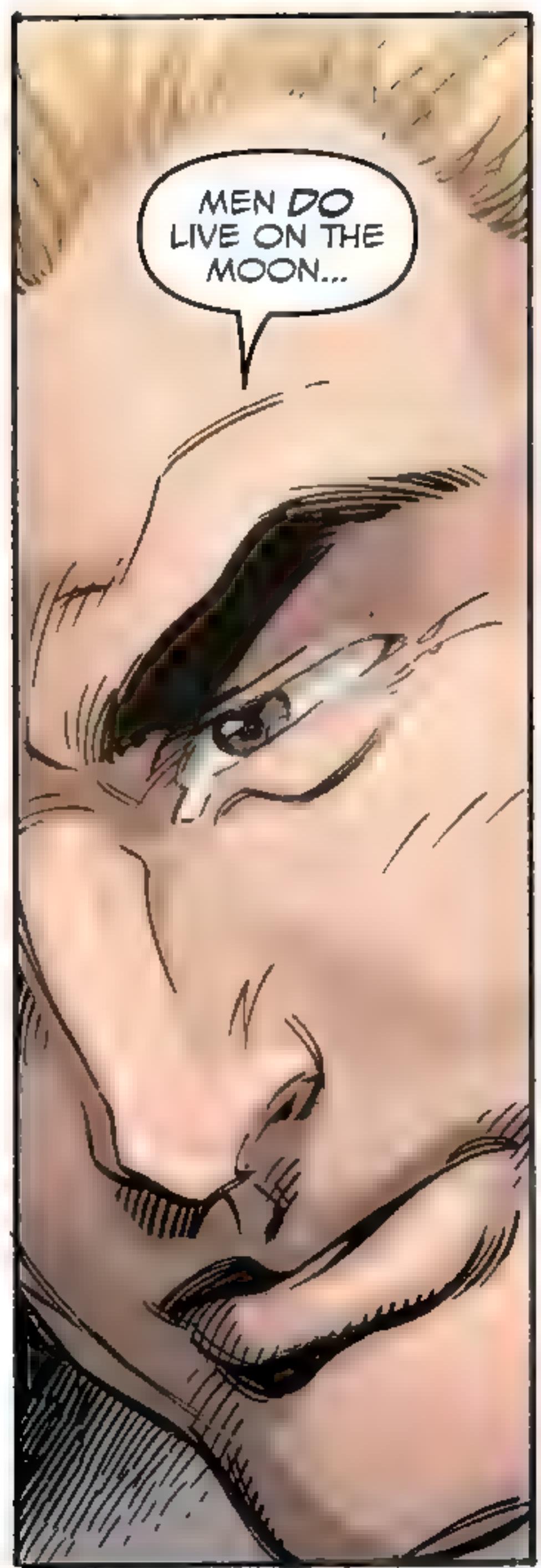
THIS HELPS  
HEAL YOUR  
MIND.

PROBLEM IS  
NOT MIND,  
EDDIE. IS  
FOOD.

MUST EAT,  
EDDIE. MUST  
EAT.







WHY IN THE  
SEWER, EDDIE?

MORE DANGER DOWN  
HERE? MORE CHANCES  
TO BE A HERO?

DINOSAURS.  
THE UNDERGROUND  
VILLAGE DOWN HERE...  
WE HELPED THEM.  
THEY OWE US.

SINCE THEY'RE  
DINOSAUR PEOPLE,  
I FIGURE THEY'LL HAVE  
SOMETHING BLOODY  
YOU CAN EAT, AND WE WON'T  
HAVE TO STEAL OR KILL  
A NEWSPAPER  
EDITOR.

LOOK--  
IT'S THE  
SAVIOR!

THE  
SAVIOR HAS  
RETURNED!

YES...WE HAVE  
RETURNED!

WE HAVE  
COME TO...UH...  
BREAK BREAD  
WITH YOU!

YES!  
COME! WE HAVE  
MEAT!

LOOK!  
LOOK AT THIS  
BOUNTY!

WELL,  
SOMETHING  
SMELLS  
GOOD...



ERR...DO  
YOU KNOW WHERE  
THIS IS FROM?



TOGAR WAS  
FORAGING IN THE  
SLIME POOLS OF PIPE  
SIX WHEN HE STUMBLED  
ACROSS IT.

IT WAS  
FAST BUT OUR  
TALONS ARE QUICK!  
OUR JAWS ARE  
STRONG!

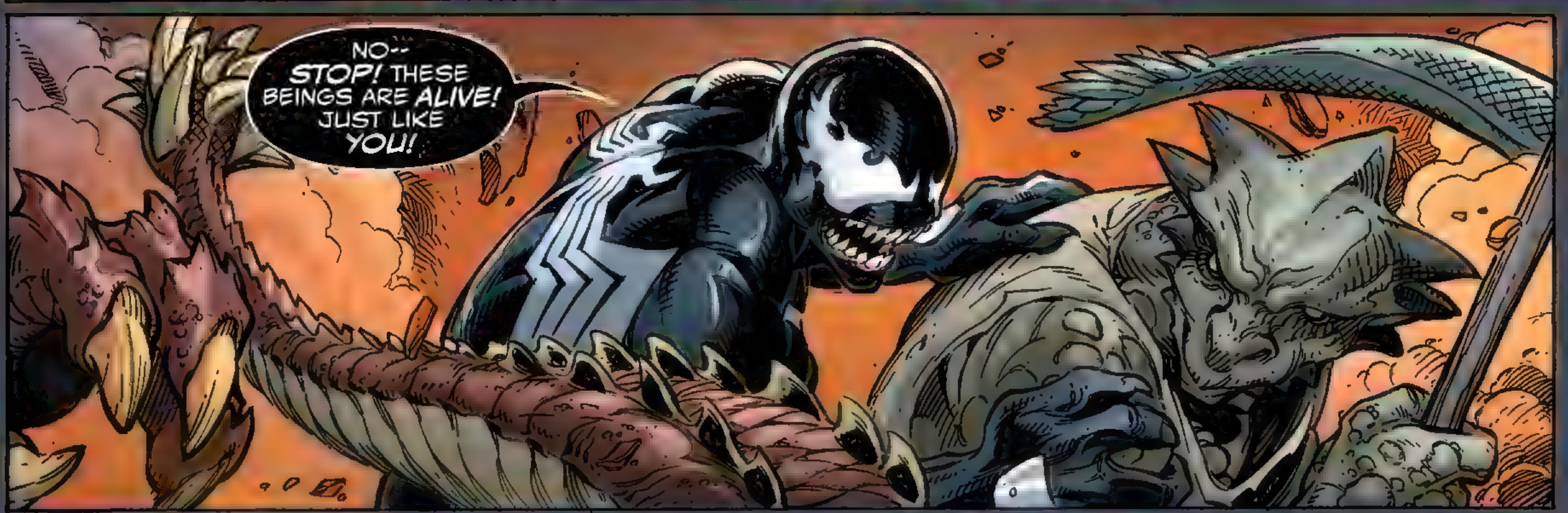


HE  
ONLY FOUND  
ONE?

WE  
KNOW OF THESE  
CREATURES. THE  
MOLOIDS. THEY ARE  
NEVER ALONE. THERE  
ARE ALWAYS  
MORE.



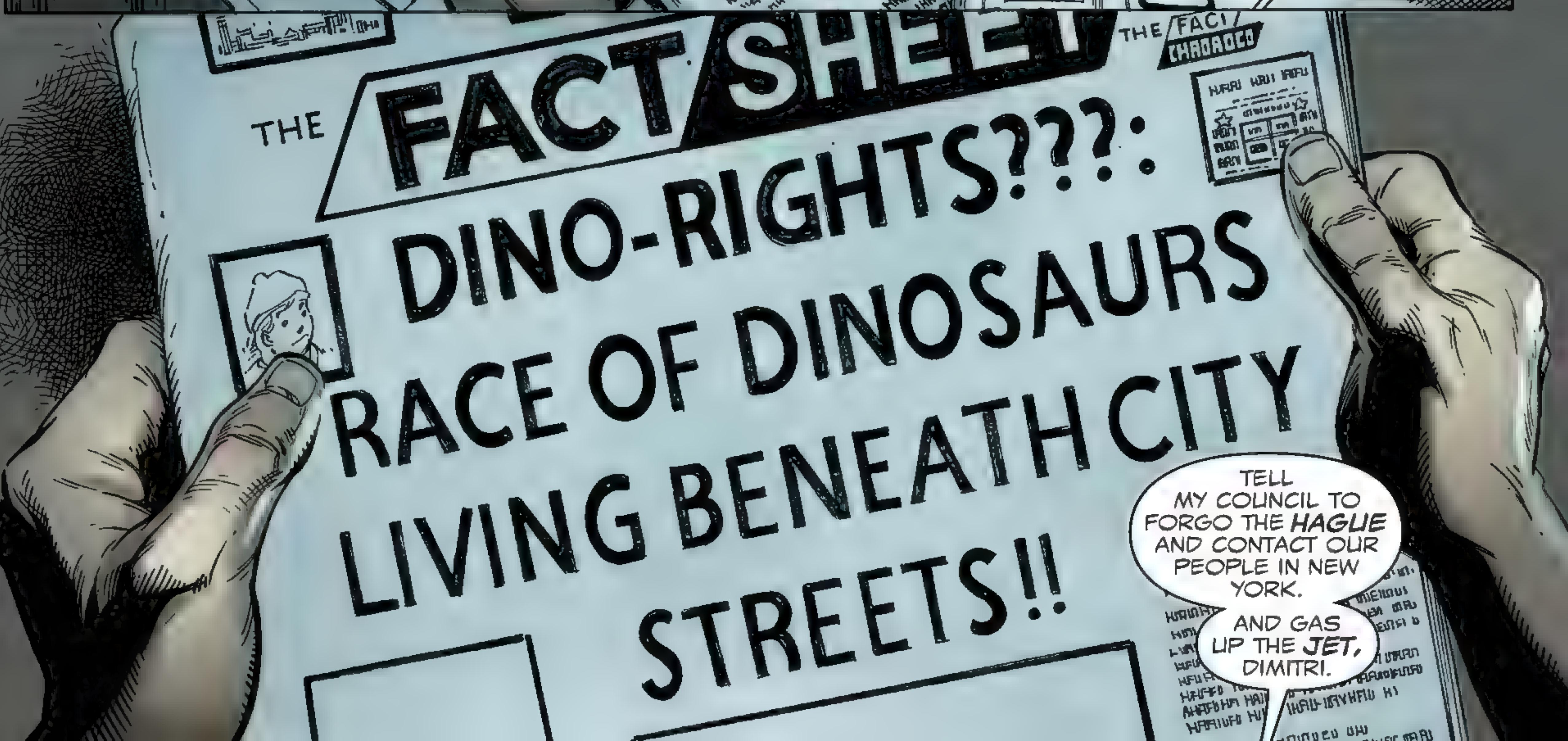
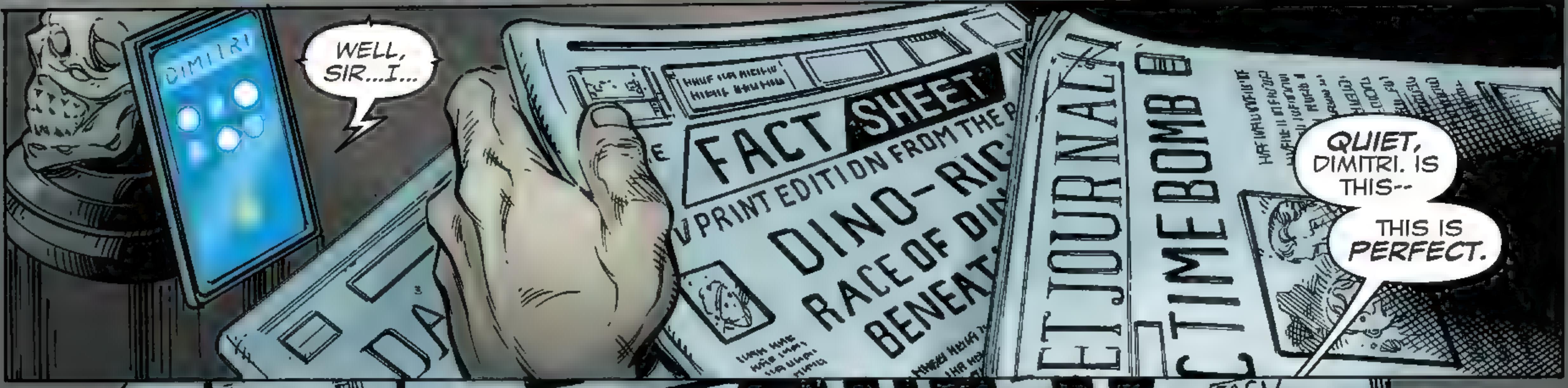
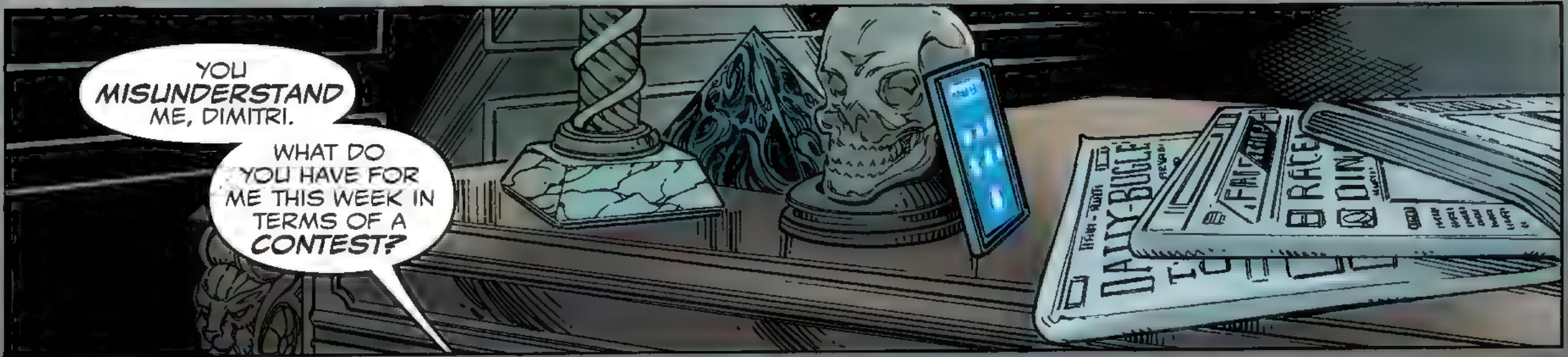
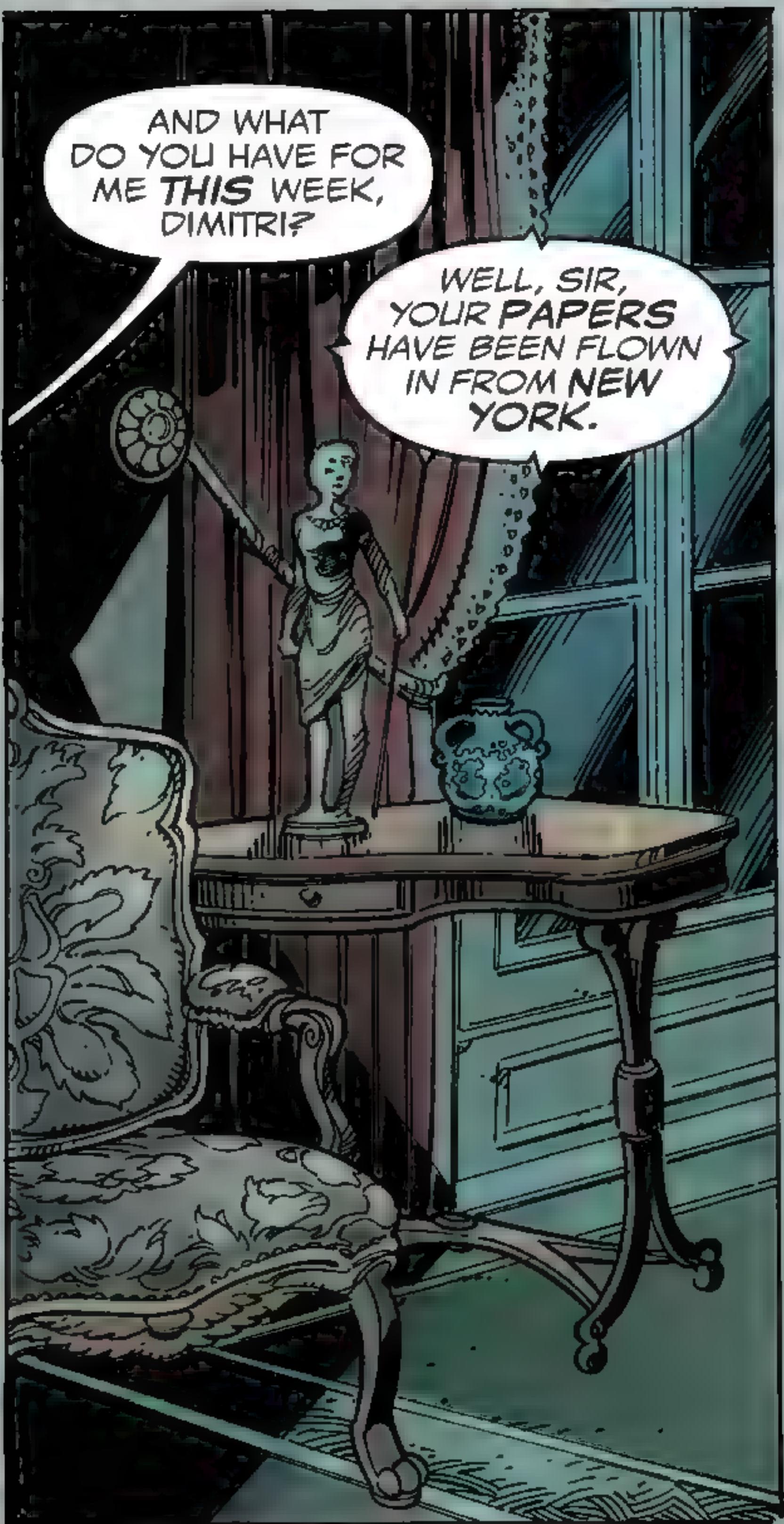
ROAR!











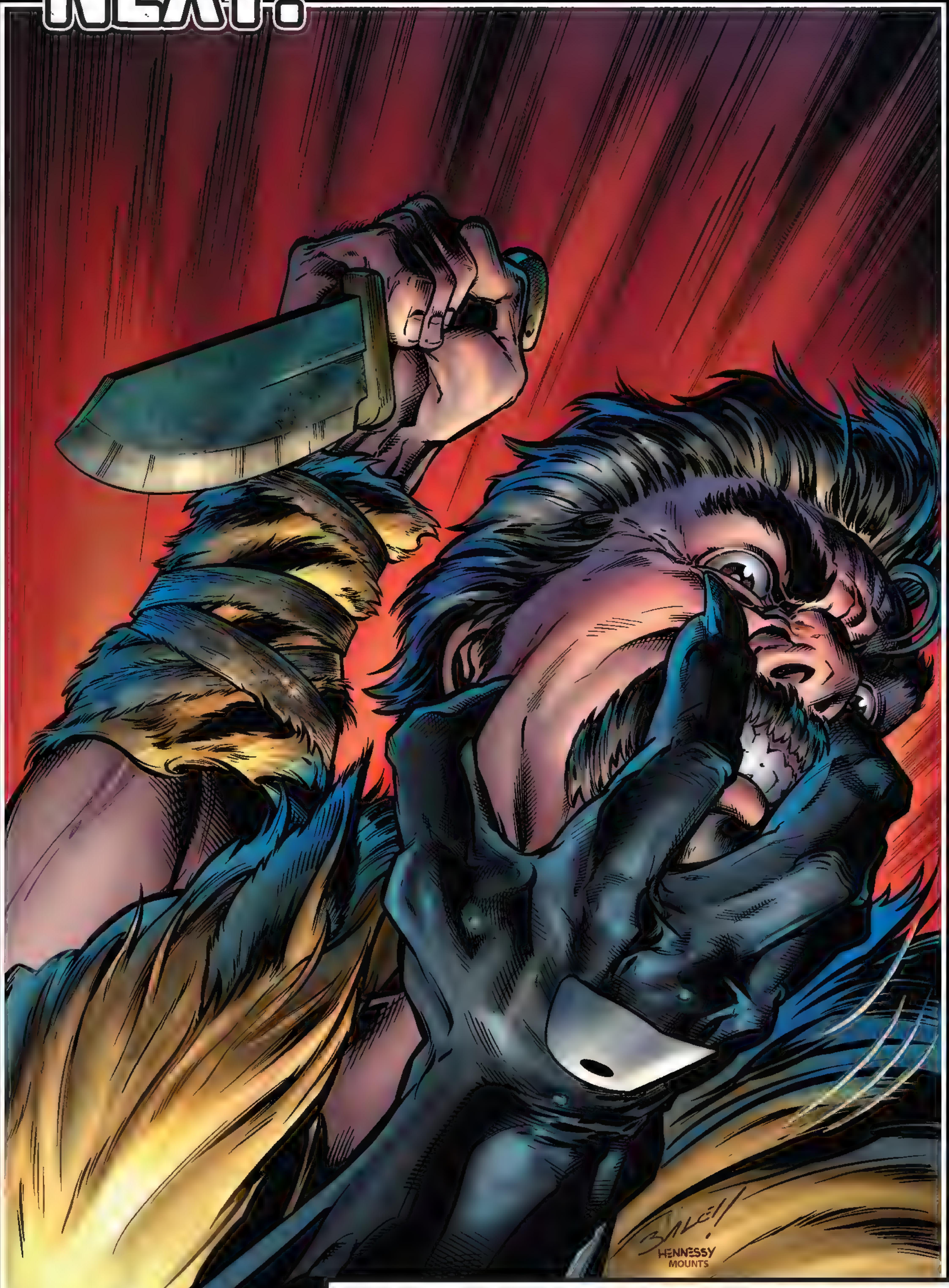


I'M  
GOING ON A  
HUNT.

SHEET

TO BE CONTINUED...

# NEXT.



**ON SALE IN TWO WEEKS!**

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UNTIL THEN, TURN THE PAGE AND ENJOY A SPECIAL LOOK BACK AT THE ORIGINS OF THE WORLD'S MOST WICKED WEBSLINGER!

I CAME INTO EXISTENCE  
ON A PLANET LIGHT-YEARS  
FROM EARTH.

KLYNTAR.

A PLANET OF  
SYMBIOTES.

BUT I WAS NOT  
TRULY BORN...

...UNTIL  
I BONDED  
WITH HIM...

...SPIDER-MAN!

HE  
REJECTED  
ME.



BUT OUR GENETIC  
CODES MERGED,  
GIVING ME ALL OF  
SPIDER-MAN'S POWERS.

WITH THESE  
ABILITIES, ALL  
I NEEDED WAS  
A HOST...





OVER THE YEARS,  
I HAVE BONDED  
WITH MANY SOULS...

BUT NOW I'M  
BACK WITH THE SOUL  
THAT UNDERSTANDS  
ME BEST...



...EDDIE  
BROCK.

TOGETHER,  
WE ARE ONE.  
TOGETHER,  
WE ARE...

**VENOM**

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